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## **13 LIBERTY, INDEPENDENCE, KC-AREA MEN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 13 Independence, Liberty, and Kansas City-area men were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

\* **Eric G. Liechti**, 28, of Liberty, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Liechti**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Taurus .45-caliber pistol on Nov. 26, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Liechti** on Dec. 7, 2005. According to an affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, **Liechti** was stopped by a law enforcement officer for failing to stop at a posted stop sign at the intersection of Highway O and Highway 10 shortly after midnight on Nov. 26, 2005. When directed to step from his vehicle, the affidavit says, **Liechti** instead sped from the scene eastbound at a high rate of speed. When the chase led to a dead-end street, **Liechti** allegedly ran from his vehicle, jumped over a barbed wire fence and disappeared into the woods. The officer found the pistol and a loaded magazine near the vehicle, where **Liechti** allegedly dropped it when he fled. **Liechti**, who was not located in a subsequent search of the area, was later arrested by the Mosby, Mo., Police Department on unrelated charges.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Wood Heights, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Charles T. Clingenpeel II**, 24, of Independence, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that **Clingenpeel**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Bersa .380-caliber pistol on Dec. 28, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Clingenpeel** on Dec. 29, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **William R. Dobson**, 30, of Buckner, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of firearms in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Dobson**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Hungarian 7.62x54R mm rifle and a Marlin .22-caliber rifle on Nov. 22, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Lafayette County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Thomas J. O'Brien**, 39, of Sweet Springs, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **O'Brien**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Star 9 mm pistol and a Colt .45-caliber pistol on Nov. 26, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **O'Brien** was in possession of a machine gun, an SKS 7.62x39 mm rifle, on Nov. 26, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Saline County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Gregory C. Wright**, 47, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Wright**, who has been convicted of three violent felonies, was in possession of a Savage Arms .32-caliber pistol on Nov. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Reggie Harris**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Harris**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Sig .40-caliber pistol on Aug. 31, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Ricky D. Hain, Jr.**, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Hain**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Ruger .357-caliber revolver on Dec. 20, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Hain** on Dec. 21, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Clay County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Terrell D. Wills**, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Wills**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a Dan Wesson .357-caliber revolver on Aug. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Tremain E. Parris**, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Parris**, who has been convicted of a criminal felony offense, was in possession of a High Point 9 mm rifle on Oct. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Diante L. Broadway**, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with illegally possessing a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Broadway**, who was an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana, was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber revolver on March 24, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Wesley A. Bass**, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with illegally possessing firearms in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Bass**, who was an unlawful user of, or addicted to, methamphetamine, was in possession of a Sturm-Ruger .357-caliber revolver and a Bersa .380-caliber pistol on Dec. 14, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of, or addicted to, a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Bass** on Dec. 15, 2005. According to the affidavit filed in support of that original criminal complaint, **Bass** was arrested by law enforcement officers while he was staying at the Quality Inn at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Noland Road in Independence. During the arrest, the affidavit says, officers observed two handguns sitting on the nightstand within reach of where **Bass** had been seated on the bed.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Juan Cazares-Leal**, 43, a citizen of Mexico residing in Kansas City, Mo., was charged with illegally possessing a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Cazares-Leal**, an illegal alien, was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .22-caliber revolver on Dec. 6, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is unlawfully in the United States to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Cazares-Leal** on Dec. 8, 2005. According to the affidavit filed in support of that original criminal complaint, law enforcement officers discovered **Cazares-Leal** asleep on a living room couch while conducting a search for another person in an unrelated case. The revolver was found under the cushion of the couch where **Cazares-Leal's** head was lying.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

\* **Erik Sifuentez-Aguilar**, also known as Walter Fast, 29, a citizen of Mexico residing in Kansas City, Mo., was charged with illegally possessing a firearm in an indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Kansas City. Today's indictment alleges that **Sifuentez-Aguilar**, an illegal alien, was in possession of a Lorcin .380-caliber pistol on Nov. 26, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is unlawfully in the United States to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Sifuentez-Aguilar** on Dec. 8, 2005.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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